

**House File 11 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act adding one-half unit of personal finance literacy to  
2 the educational program standards established for school  
3 districts and accredited nonpublic schools and including an  
4 effective date provision.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.11, subsection 5, Code 2011, is  
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *k.* One-half unit of personal finance  
4 literacy, the curriculum of which shall include but not be  
5 limited to the use of common banking instruments such as  
6 checking accounts; credit; debit cards; compound interest;  
7 mortgage, auto, and personal loans; investment basics,  
8 including stocks, bonds, and index funds; credit scores;  
9 budgeting; saving and debt management; retirement planning and  
10 savings; entrepreneurship and business models; and insurance.  
11 All students shall complete at least one-half unit of personal  
12 finance literacy as a condition of graduation.

13 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance  
14 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring  
15 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall  
16 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid  
17 received by the school district under section 257.16. This  
18 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed  
19 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section  
20 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall  
21 be necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and  
22 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.

23 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect July 1, 2012.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill adds a one-half unit course in personal finance  
26 literacy to the educational program each school district  
27 and accredited nonpublic school is required to offer in  
28 grades nine through 12, and requires all students to take the  
29 course as a condition of graduation. The personal finance  
30 curriculum includes the use of common banking instruments such  
31 as checking accounts; credit; debit cards; compound interest;  
32 mortgage, auto, and personal loans; investment basics including  
33 stocks, bonds, and index funds; credit scores; budgeting;  
34 saving and debt management; retirement planning and savings;  
35 entrepreneurship and business models; and insurance.

1 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code  
2 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of  
3 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school  
4 district from state school foundation aid received by the  
5 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification  
6 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate  
7 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The  
8 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the  
9 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state  
10 mandates included in the bill.

11 The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.